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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YUKA NAGAI ET AL. ) : Examiner: Mark R. Milia  
Application No.: 09/742,414 ) : Art Unit: 2622  
Filed: December 22, 2000 ) :  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
CONTROL METHOD OF IMAGE ) :  
PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND )  
STORAGE MEDIUM : August 8, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows. The specification changes begin on page 2, amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 7, and the Remarks begin on page 14.